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Virginia Mulrooney JOYCE SILVERSTEIN / Valley Star

AFT president leaves union post for district

By JOSEPH KEHOE, Editor-in-Chief

Refuting charges that she sold out, Virginia Mulrooney, American Federation of Teachers (AFT) College Guild president, formally announced yesterday afternoon that she would leave her current post to become vice-chancellor of personnel services for the Los Angeles Community College District.

"I think it's relatively easy for people to reach the erroneous conclusion that I've sold out. But it is an erroneous conclusion. I think that will be proven by my actions as vice-chancellor," Mulrooney said in an interview following her brief statement before the Board of Trustees.

AFT Vice-President Marty Hittleman will become acting president when Mulrooney steps down in two weeks. Union elections, which are held every two years, are scheduled for May.

"I hope to be able to devote the time and attention which I have devoted to segments of the employees of this district to the entire group of employees of this district. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the Los Angeles Community College District," Mulrooney said.

She will assume her new position on Jan. 9 when the present vice-chancellor, William Spaeter, retires.

Under the recommendation of Chancellor Leslie Koltai, the board unanimously voted last week in a closed session to hire Mulrooney.

When news of this move was leaked out earlier this week, AFT rank and file reaction ranged from understanding to disbelief. However, this is not the first time that Mulrooney has sought an administrative position with the district. She applied for the post of Valley College president in 1980.

Where does this leave the AFT?

Sylvia Lubow, Valley AFT chapter chair, said that union policy and effectiveness would not undergo any major changes.

"The AFT is not Virginia. And it has not been Virginia despite the perception of some.

"We are prepared to support in those positions that she takes that reflect the values we have in the past agreed upon, and we are prepared to fight as vigorously as we would anyone else where we are in disagreement," Lubow said, adding that she wished her long-time friend luck.

The AFT will be losing its most prominent and, some would say, most capable representative, but the timing of the move will allow the union to regain any strength it may lose when Mulrooney leaves. The AFT president said the fact that the union was not facing any severe challenges at the time played an important role in her decision.

"The times go and the times come and sometimes the time isn't propitious," she said.

Mulrooney also said, "To have left in the middle of [recent] contract negociations would have made the charge of sell-out a much more viable one."

She said she hopes to prevent the scheduled layoff of 500 classified employees in February, but did not state uncategorically that she would.

" I may not have information in my present position that I might have in the new position, but I don't believe they're [the layoffs] necessary."

Mulrooney refused to give a straight answer to the question of whether one day she plans to become chancellor of the district.

"I'm a person of limited ambition," she said as she laughed.

Mulrooney, who served as a history professor at Valley for 19

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District deficit cut to near $3 million

By DAVID BOHRER, Associate News Editor

The approximate $29 million Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) budget deficit has almost been eradicated, it was announced yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the district's board of trustees.

The district is now left with a deficit of about $3 million, and this figure does not include funds that will be saved if the proposed February 5 layoff of 500 district employees take place throughout the district.

These layoffs, according to LACCD Vice-Chancellor of Business Services Thomas Fallo, "would have to be implemented in order to balance this budget.

"At this time," said Fallo, "we still have an approximate 7 percent reduction (in funding) from our previous year. However, there is still some discussioon and some slight ray of possibility of additional funds for the '83-'84 fiscal year."

This additional funding, which is hoped to come from the state, will be, according to Fallo, "an estimated $12.3 million in possible additional funding. This funding, if received, will discontinue all layoffs."

The money which made up the near $29 million budget deficit was reduced by cuts in certificated services, property sales, leaves and vacancies in positions that are not being refilled, a $5 million state loan, and various other cutbacks.

"We have also increased our revenue through drop fees. We are estimating this year that we will recieve approximately $150,000 in drop fees. Some people thought that this (drop fees) would be a major income producer for the community colleges as it was initially proposed. It will not," said Fallo. "In fact, we will have some difficulty pertaining to students who have been excluded from class and do not know they have been dropped.

"We think," continued Fallo, "that by the imposition of the drop fee, this will cut some of our losses that normally occur in the fall semester."

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Organizers of Cardenal event charged with impropriety, Senate inquiry begins

BY DAVID BOHRER, Assoc. News Editor and JEFF SHARE, City Editor

Charges of impropriety on the part of the organizers of the recent Ernesto Cardenal program have led to the initiation of an "inquiry" by the Associated Student Body (ASB) Senate.

The particulars of the inquiry involve overcrowding, confusing security measures, and illegally collected funds.

The inquiry was initiated by the Senate, which is made up of representatives of campus clubs in an attempt to "try to gather all the information and make our committee's summation of exactly what happened to see what, if anything, went wrong," said Senate President Steve Appell.

In response to the Senate inquiry, Valley Professor Farrel Broslawsky, one of the evening's main organizers, said, I can't take it seriously in any sense of the word. Here you have a man of international stature coming to Valley college and the program goes off smoothly in the midst of chaos. To fiddle around with an investigation seems to be silly."

The event, sponsored by the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, (CISPES) and the Alliance for Survival, drew an estimated 600 people to the Little Theater, which is about 100 more than the theater can safely accomodate.

People were originally refused admittance after all of the seats were taken, but more people were let in after Valley Professor Farrel Broslawsky shouted from the stage, "Open the goddamn door." According to Valley President Mary Lee, "There was overcrowding, and some people were not happy with the crowd control."

Another area of the Senate inquiry is security. CISPES President Dorothy Moore said, "As far as who was in charge of security, we had several different areas of security. We had the Diplomatic Affairs Division of the West L.A. Police Dept., Valley's campus police, the Administration of Justice Club, special security hired by CISPES, Ernesto Cardenel's own security plus the State department. There were so many factions that were inside it's hard to break down who exactly did what."

Confrontations inside and outside the theater were handled by red and black arm banded people who said they were "with Broslawsky". Campus police captain Wally Gudzus said, "He (Farrel Broslawsky) is the one who took care of the inside while it was anticipated that my officers would stay outside on the perimeter for crowd control."

When questioned about those in the audience who were removed from the theater because they were carrying signs, Gudzus said, "The authority to remove a person is and should be in the hands of the campus police or the sargeant-at-arms." We felt that they (Broslawsky's people) were there primarily as ushers, not as enforcers. Technically they have no enforcebility. They have no authority."

John Gilflian, co-chairman of the night watch of the Administration of Justice Club said, "Who on campus gave these unknown (security) guards the permission to determine what students could come in and could not come in." Another Justice club member, Andy Vaughn said, "None of the people that were there were actually trained at all."

The third area of controversy involves illegally collected funds. Ac-

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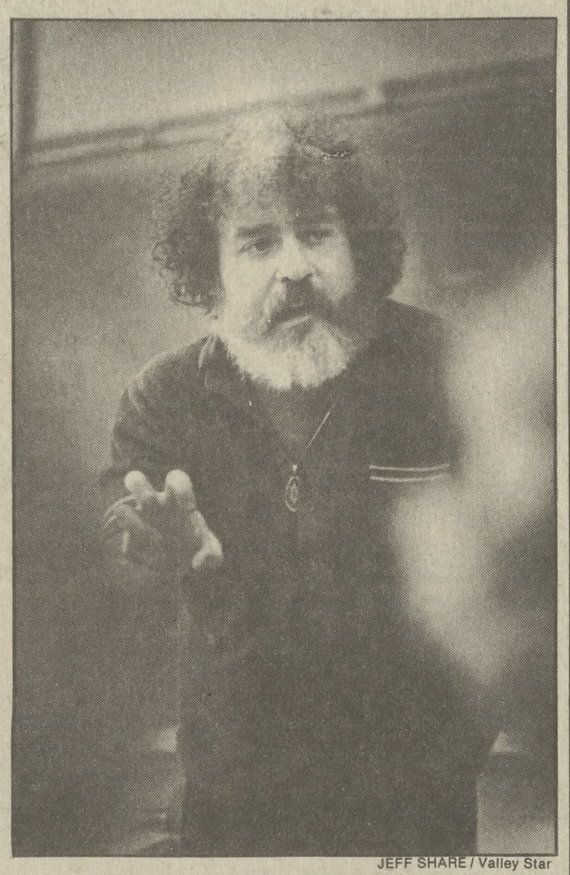
Perspective

Garber's 'moral survival'

By LISA SHAMES, View Editor



JEFF SHARE / Valley Star

Survival of the Jewish race and Israel is all important to Zev Garber. But more importantly, it is survival with a moral responsibility, with dignity.

Prof. Zev Garber is the chairperson and founder of the Dept. of Jewish Studies at Valley. Begun in 1970, it is the first community college Jewish studies program in the nation. It is the largest program of its kind and is accredited for an associate in arts degree.

"A Jew is a paradigm, and the paradigm is survival," Garber said. "There is a constant emphasis today on sheer animalistic survival. What is the price? There must be survival with moral standards."

Garber, in his own words, is not "wishy-washy." He has opinions on many subjects and isn't afraid to express these views. But along with these opinions, Garber backs them up with information and research. In fact, research is a big part of Garber's life.

He is the author of 200 scholarly book reviews and notices and has written over 55 articles. Garber claims it's his "love of learning" and his "desire to share his learning" that motivates him. He is invited to speak at many prominent organizations. Next week he will be speaking to the American Academy of Religion in Dallas on the teaching of the holocaust.

Words are vital to Garber. "The only kinds of weapons I use are words—spoken and written," he said. Garber, who received his B.A. at Hunter College in New York and his M.A. at UCLA, doesn't lack for words.

Even with his strong ties to the Jewish culture—past, present, and future—he doesn't view the Jewish race with blinders on. "I often become an apologist for Judaism—not everything is rosy. They too, have their warts."

The rise of anti-semitism is not Garber's biggest gripe. "I don't get irritable or too upset about it. There's a worse problem of the Jewish people among the Jews themselves," he said.

Garber rates "lack of pride of being a Jew" and "rejection of the Jewish history" as two major faults.

Garber doesn't look like your "average" teacher. His full, curly hair, bushy beard, bell bottom Levi's, and brass belt buckle make him stand out. But neither is his teaching style "typical." He is dramatic—raising his voice to get his point across, waving his arms around, and pacing back and forth. Even his room and office, covered with various posters of Israel, copies of numerous letters of recognition he has received, and a photograph of him and Menachem Begin reflect his views.

Firstly, Garber hopes his students get a "scholarly interest" out of his classes. Secondly, comes a "raising of this emphasis on the academic, according to Garber tion" aspect as being far ahead of the other. It is due to this emphasis on the acacemic, according to Garber, that contributes to the high attrition rate in his classes.

Along with the recognition he has received, there have also been disappointments. Besides the budget cuts which have seriously affected the Jewish Studies Department, Garber sees other problems.

"Our numbers have gone," he said. "I feel it reflects a general trend now. Technology classes are emphasized more, not humanities." He said that in the 1990's he feels that there will be a return to humanities as in the 1960's.

While Garber considers himself a tolerant person and "not closed to new ideas," there are some things he just will not tolerate.

"I see myself as a liberal person, except when it comes to the state of Israel," he said. But he added, "Even though I might be harsh on the rightists with Israel, I'm just as demanding on its moral standards. But Israel is here to stay."

Garber realizes that many people may not like or agree with what he has to say, but "at least they know where I stand. Besides, anything worthwhile has its price, its sacrifices."

Tomorrow is the last day to drop a class

JOYCE SILVERSTEIN / Valley Star

COURTLY COUPLE—Music students Bill Douglas and Ruth Sheff (the Lord and Lady of Nottingham) were the official host and hostess of the Third Annual Elizabethan Yuletide Feast held recently in Monarch Hall. The event, sponsored by Valley College's Chorale Council, was sold out within two weeks of its announcement.

STAR EDITORIALS

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Student resolution, 1984

The most hellish year in California community college history is about to pass into oblivion.

1983—the year of the mindless budget slash and the layoff recommendation; the year of the tuition proposal and the government stalemate—will soon end.

But the hell will linger on...

...unless you adopt a new year's resolution to confront the forces which assail the freedom of higher education.

On Thursday, Jan. 5, 1984, students can fuse with teachers in a day-long boycott of formal classes to show Sacramento how incapacitated schools can become should the issues of funding and tuition not be dealt with.

The following Sunday, busses carrying a projected 5,000 students from the Los Angeles area will travel upstate to join other student demonstrators in a show of solidarity on the steps of the Capitol, Monday, Jan. 9.

Over the past several months, lawmakers and our governor have watched as a growing number of districts knuckle under to George Deukmejian's funds-for-tuition blackmail. But as we know, district resolutions do not necessarily represent the views of the people.

Students, resolve that in 1984 community colleges will remain "community" in the truest sense.

Wasted opportunity

"In any case we must not wander in the dark, repeating ritual phrases,..."

Leon Trotsky
The Revolution Betrayed

"He's the most important speaker we've had at Valley since Bobby Kennedy."

This is how Farrel Broslawsky, prof. of history, had described Father Ernesto Cardenal, Nicaragua's minister of culture, before his visit here last week. Broslawsky had also said that Central America's "best known poet" would help clear up some misconceptions about the Sandanistas during his U.S. tour.

What took place last Tuesday night at Valley College's Little Theater, however, was anything but enlightening.

Before the controversial Marxist priest came on stage, Broslawsky and other Nicaraguan supporters delivered a long series of banal, emotional rantings which were followed by the music and dance of Nicaragua. When the anticipated moment finally arrived, Cardenal read a handful of his poems and then left.

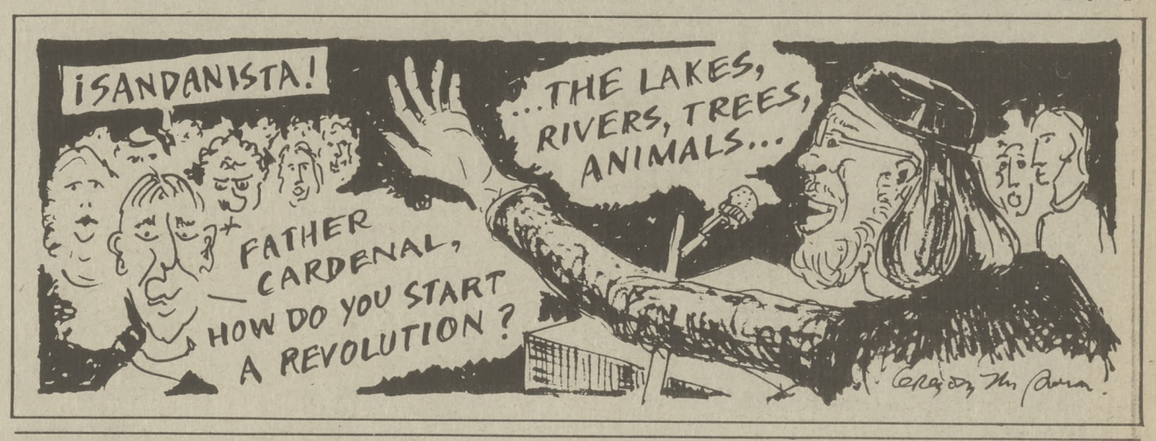
An evening that had had the rare potential for international communication had been turned into a maudlin, anti-intellectal exercise in wasted opportunity.

Without question, exposure to another country's art and culture can only be conducive to understanding between nations. However, the people who support President Reagan's hostile policies toward Nicaragua and the people who came to protest Cardenal last Tuesday night are not afraid of his poetry—they are afraid of his politics. Much of that trepidation can be categorized as fear of the unknown.

What was needed last Tuesday night was discussion, not diatribe; an exchange of information, not an extension of ignorance.

With Reagan's Central American diplomacy so tragically out of touch with reality that he may even be considering an invasion of Nicaragua, this was not the time to squander away the the chance to inform the American public on the issues.

Hopefully, however, the organizers and participants in the Cardenal fiasco will never find out just how costly their simple-minded approach to complex problems may have been.



Rights vs. responsibilities

Poet program 'security' suspect

By MARY CRONIN, News Editor

There has been a disquieting trend recently to demand the rights that we, as American citizens, feel are our due, while ignoring the responsibilities that coincide with those rights.

The right to vote carries with it the responsibilitiy to inform oneself on the issues and candidates' qualifications. Freedom of speech is tempered with the requirement to be truthful and unmalicious.

The recent Ernesto Cardenal program at Valley presents several classic examples of people exercising their rights without assuming the responsibilities that go with them.

When the organizers of this event booked the Little Theatre to promote their particular viewpoint regarding the controversial events surrounding the Nicaraguan revolution, they were certainly within their rights as citizens of a free nation.

However, when Valley professor Farrell Broslawsky, one of the evening's organizers, got on stage and shouted "Open the goddamn doors!" so that more people could get in the already overcrowded hall, that right was blatantly abused. One has to question the motives of a man whose zeal to promote a cause outweighs his responsibility to obey fire regulations and protect the safety of those in attendance.

The promoters also had the right to organize a group of helpers to usher the crowd into the theater and do the other things necessary to successfully present a famous speaker.

Those ushers did not, however, have the authority to conduct themselves as self-appointed "security" guards and bodily eject people from the theater or stand outside ready to confront dissenters "to make sure the event is a peaceful one."

The event's planners had the responsibility to inform this group of helpers exactly what their duties were and when the services of officially appointed security guards should be requested. Self-appointed vigilantes had no place at a meeting whose purpose was to promote understanding and goodwill.

The right to conduct business in our country is basic and unquestioned. Along with this right, we also must assume the responsibility of obeying the rules and regulations of the place in which one chooses to do business. At Valley College, the rules state that to sell merchandise on campus, or to solicit donations here, one must have permission from the Office of Student Affairs.

The organizers of the Cardenal program exercised their right to ask for money but ignored their responsibility to request permission to do so.

The vendors outside the theater selling everything from t-shirts to Marxist books exercised that very American right to do business, while they too neglected to get the proper permission to be there.

One of the most basic lessons that this school's students learn is the correlation between rights and responsibilities. Apparently, some members of Valley's faculty need a refresher course.

Makes no 'sense'orship

As U.S. Military forces invaded the small Caribbean island of Grenada on Oct. 25, 1983, the first casualty was American.

Not one American, but all Americans as the Reagan Administration assaulted the first amendment of the constitution.

This unprecedented prohibition of press coverage was an outright violation of the American people's right to freedom of the press. The precedent that was set is further aggravated by the apparent amount of public consent.

According to a recent *Los Angeles Times* poll, 52 percent of 2,004 adults questioned said they approved of the news blackout.

Since the Reagan Administration has taken power, censorship has become an alarming trend.

Directives calling for pre-publication previews on writings were first issued to Central Intelligence Agency employees in 1980. Soon after, this order was applied to government officials, then government employees, and, in some cases now, to university professors, and even journalists.

Denying several foreign speakers' entry into the United States has been another method the administration has used to control and shape public opinion.

Two weeks ago, two key Latin leaders were denied visas because the administration decided that allowing them to visit the United States would be "contrary to the public interest."

The political climate which allows no dissent seems to have "trickled down" to the Los Angeles Community College District.

Harbor College's school newspaper is being closed down for supposed financial reasons. However, the long history of administrative-departmental disputes and timing of the closure have led to charges of censorship by both newspaper staff and advisor.

In a democracy, the free press has the responsibility to inform the public and act as watchdog over government.

To allow this backbone of democracy to be censored away for claims of "public interest," is to insult the American people by saying they do not have the intelligence to decide for themselves what is right and what is wrong.

This is surely more of a threat to National Security than any number of Cubans that could ever fit on Grenada.

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Problems 'can' delay remodeling

By FRANN BART, Staff Writer

A year of problems has plagued the project to remodel restrooms that will accommodate the handicapped at Valley and eight other district campuses. However, both Valley and Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) officials say things are back on the right track again.

Poor workmanship, organizational difficulties, and delays by the general contractor resulted in threatened legal action by LACCD, which is paying 75 percent of the approximately $1.6 million project. Twenty-five percent is being funded by the state to comply with new federal regulations.

Dave Ogne, Valley's building and grounds administrator, said the contractor, who began work last December, has completely reorganized—hiring new subcontractors, management, and employees to correct the mistakes and finish the job.

"They're just now beginning to sort it out," said Ogne of the new workers on Valley's campus for the last month. "They've got a tall order," he added, "but in general, there's been a whole lot of progress made. I'm being positive about it."

Jack Smith, LACCD supervising construction inspector, said a recent series of meetings had convinced him that the workmanship had improved.

"He (the contractor) has come to realize we want good work and insist on it. He's correcting rather than talking," Smith said. Smith also said the district has a "good man" inspecting the schools. "He was at Pierce last week, and the corrections are coming about fine."

Working with LACCD along with Ogne is Dr. Betsy Hornung, Valley's assistant dean of handicapped programs and services, who said she'll be checking this week to make sure "all accessibility is correct."

New power-assisted door handles and raised streamlined water fountains (for wheelchair access underneath) are some of the improvements being made, along with toilets, ramps, and widening of stalls and doors.

Both Ogne and Smith regard the projected Janurary 1984 completion as unrealistic. "Physically impossible," is how Ogne put it, and Smith believes the target date is "too optimistic."

Additional costs incurred by the construction mistakes are now estimated at $10-$12,000 for all the schools, which according to Smith, are "very low."

Although Ogne is supportive of LACCD's efforts on behalf of Valley, he has his own opinion on what could have been.

"If we (Valley) had had control of the funding, we would have taken care of it and done it right the first time. When Valley craftspeople do a job, we do a job that lasts for years and years," he said.

Newly gained funds purchase computer

By MARTI HOLBROOK STEVENS, Co-View Editor

Almost $1 million in special funds from the Employment Training Panel (ETP) has been donated to the Los Angeles Community College District to start classes in high technology, according to Bill Lavoie, chairman of the engineering department.

The money for Valley's new Perkin Elmer computer, which was estimated at a cost of over $200,000 was given by the ETP program to train employees of large companies that have helped sponsor the program. The Cadam Software Program, donated by the Lockheed Corporation, is alone worth $200,000.

The official title of the new class is Computer Aided Design and Manufacturing Cadam and, once learned and mastered, is used by draftsmen and design engineers for high technology designs.

This program was the same one engineers used to design various components of the space shuttle.

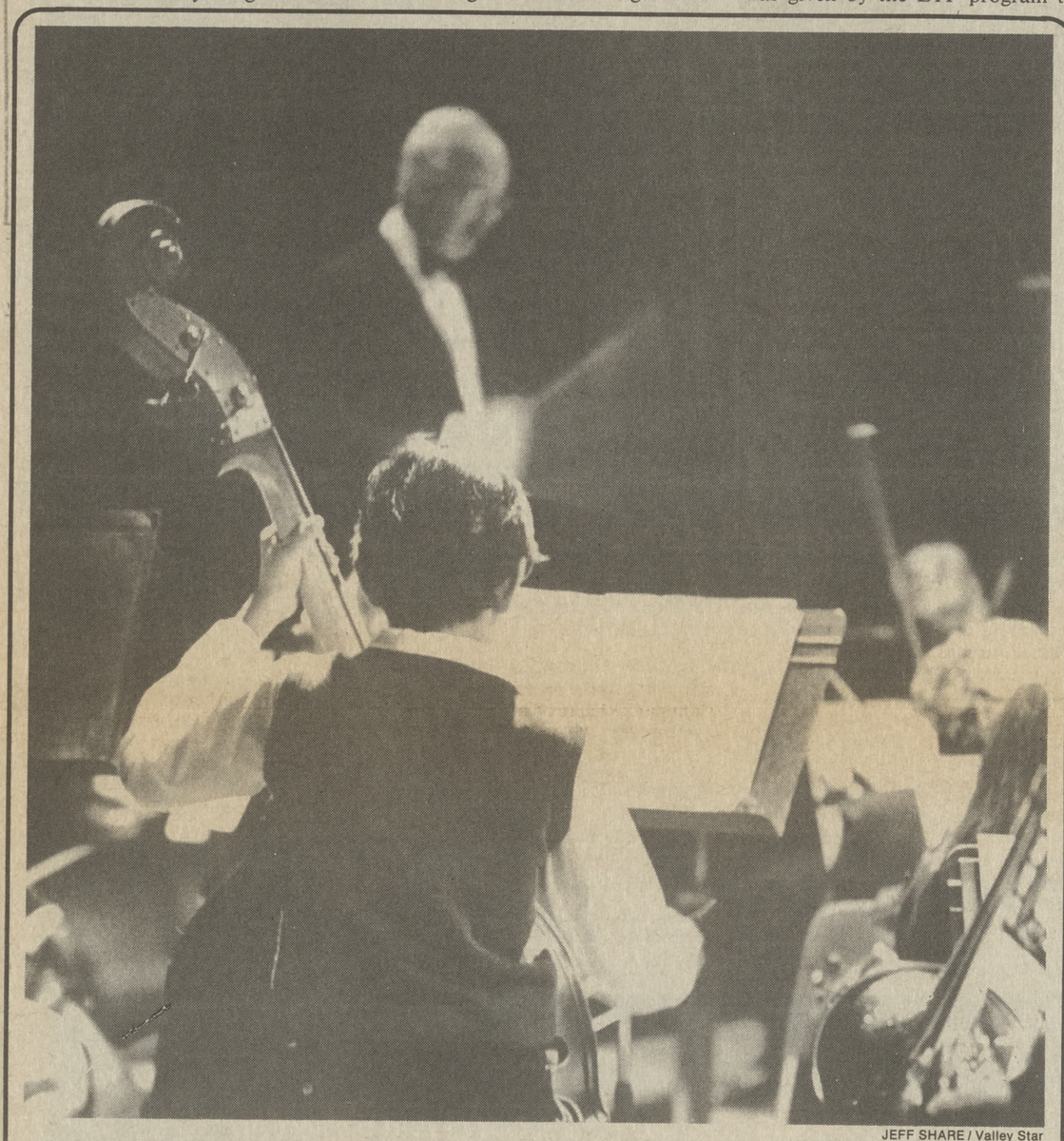
Another program financed by ETP, sponsored by various large corporations, and offered through Valley is the Computer Numerical Control program.

"We put eight machines in a 12' x 52' trailer that can be delivered to a company where students (and employees) can have their training right there," said Lavoie.

The class will be offered in the spring to Valley students who have completed Descriptive Geometrv under the title of Drafting 55, but, "I understand the class is already filled for the spring semester," said Lavoie.

Lavoie, who is very excited about the new programs and computers, said, "This brings the engineering department out of the fifties and into the eighties—now that we've got the equipment the big companies are using."

According to Lavoie, L.A. City College also has a Computer Aided Design (CAD) processer, but it specializes in architecture, "and ours is mechanical. We're the biggest and the best," said Lavoie.



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NOT JUST ANOTHER PRETTY BASS—String bass player Gino Abondolo, son of Valley Italian instructor Gennaro Abondolo, takes direction form LAVC's symphony conductor Ted Lynn at a concert here Tuesday night. The orchestra will perform next on Jan. 17 in Monarch Hall.

Final Examination Schedule

Fall 1983 Semester
Thursday, January 19 - Friday, January 27

The date of your final examination is determined by the **first day** and the **first hour** your class meets.

Final examinations MUST be held on the DAY AND TIME scheduled, and in regularly assigned classroom.

Classes which meet only one day per week (modular classes) will have their finals at the regular class meeting time between January 19 and January 27.

Classes of less-than-semester length (4, 5, 6, 8, or 9-week classes) will have their final exam at the last meeting of the class.

All 4 p.m. and evening classes will have final exams the first class meeting after January 18.

All Saturday will have final exams on January 21 the same time as regular class.

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FINAL ON	**Mon. Jan. 23 8-10**	**Thurs. Jan. 19 8-10**	**Wed. Jan. 25 8-10**	**Thurs. Jan. 26 8-10**	**Fri. Jan. 20 8-10**	**Tues. Jan. 24 8-10**
CLASSES MEETING ON	10 a.m. & 10:30 M or W or F	10 a.m. & 10:30 TU or TH	11 a.m. & 11:30 M or W or F	11 a.m. & 11:30 TU or TH	12 or 12:30 M or W or F	12 or 12:30 TU or TH
FINAL ON	**Wed. Jan. 25 10:30-12:30**	**Thurs. Jan. 19 10:30-12:30**	**Mon. Jan. 23 10:30-12:30**	**Tues. Jan. 24 10:30-12:30**	**Mon. Jan. 23 1-3**	**Thurs. Jan. 26 10:30-12:30**
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In case of conflicts or for makeup exams—see instructor

Inquiry...

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cording to Lee, "Unless collection of funds are authorized for fund raisers by ASB and the administration, they were totally illegal. We explain the rules, but sometimes they don't follow the rules."

CISPES president Dorothy Moore said that "approximately $3,000" was raised for the Nicaraguan Solidarity Brigade by passing around tin cans and asking for donations.

The dozen or so vendors selling merchandise outside the theater were doing so without proper authorization, also, according to Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Pauline Merry. "I don't have a request (for official authorization) for vendors or anybody."

According to Appell, this is an inquiry, not an investigation, and the results will be made public in early January.

Mulrooney...

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years before she became a victim of district cuts this fall, has been AFT president since 1982.

She sees her largest challenge in restoring the "morale" of district employees. This task would become considerably easier if Sacramento would provide additional community college funding.

"I've been told, 'Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.' "

Mulrooney said she is hoping that the Legislature and the governor will come to an agreement and provide "decent funding for our colleges."

"And that will be a real Christmas."

Budget...

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"Although," said Fallo, "it is entirely possible that we will start the '84-'85 fall semester without having a final budget approved by the board of trustees.

Though the current budget deficit has been reduced, state funds that may have to be borrowed with interest could increase the deficit, according to Fallo, and would have to be repaid during the '84-'85 fiscal year.

"Yes, it is a difficult picture for '84-'85," said Fallo, "and if we don't get the best case scenario (additional funding) we will be in serious difficulty."

To which one board member replied, "This year was bleak, but next year will be even bleaker."

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At age 53, football is anything but pointless

By JIM CROGAN, Special Assignment Editor

It certainly was a rewarding season for the Valley College football team. The Monarchs, at 4-2, finished with their best league record ever under Head Coach Chuck Fererro and captured second place in the conference. However, this remarkable season was made even more memorable by the appearance on the sidelines of one very unusual football player.

Gerald Clemens Broderson. You could title this story the old man and the tee-kicking tee that is. For incredibly, this 53 year old, silver haired, thrice married, father of four went out for the team, made it, and became its second string kicker.

Broderson, who will soon become a grandfather for the seventh time, also became the oldest player ever to score a point in a college football game. That momentous event occurred during the Monarch's 51-14 Homecoming win on Oct. 29 over a hapless L.A. City College team.

Although that extra point kick was Broderson's (better known as Brodie) only appearance, for him it didn't seem to matter. It was after all the culmination of more than two years worth of hard work and practice for a man who is 15 years older than his head coach.

"It was probably the most important moment in my life...more important than even the birth of my children, because this one was all for me," said Brodie.

"I remember everything about it. I think it's indelibly etched into my memory."

That moment came near the end of the LACC game. With only minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, Valley scored its final touchdown making the score 50-14. Coach Fererro originally ordered his regular kicker, 19 year old Dennis Hochman out to kick the point after try (PAT). Suddenly, Valley's players broke out into a loud chant.

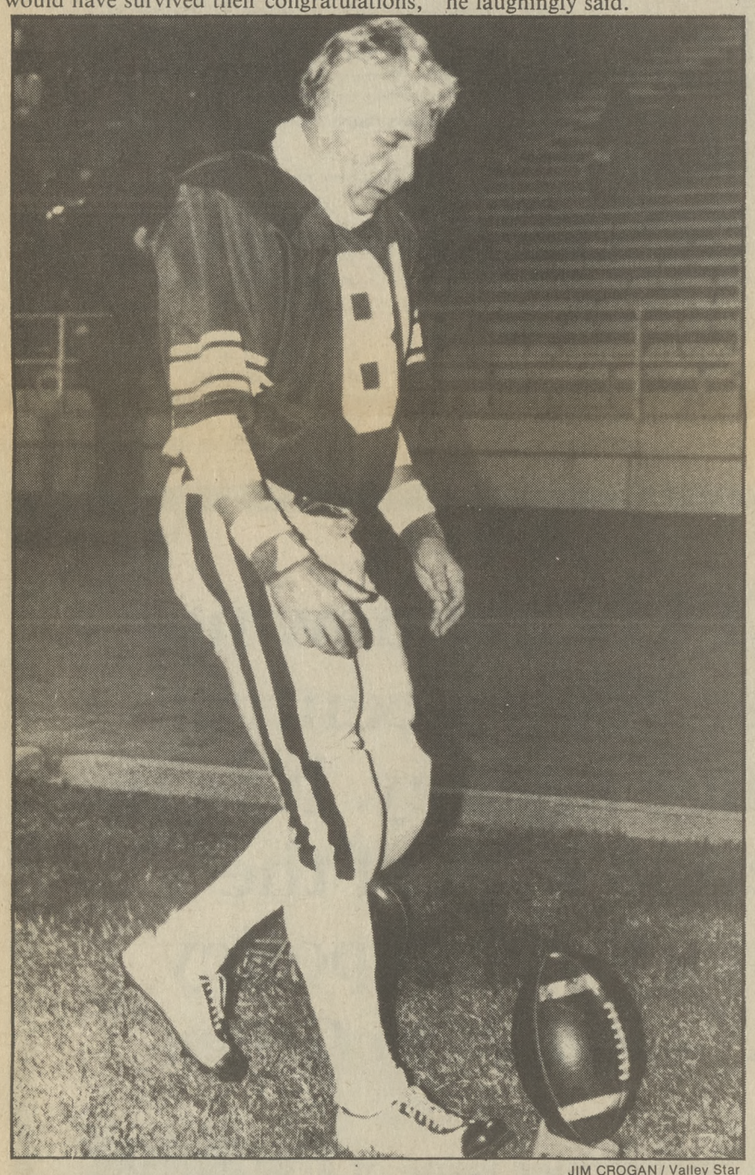
"Brodie...Brodie...Brodie..."

Fererro relented and onto the field ran Broderson. He would have his shot.

"I was so nervous my heart was pounding out of my chest," he said. "All the guys in the huddle said don't worry, you can do it. I was in another world.

"I took my four steps back and turned. The holder asked it I was ready and I said 'yeah'....I concentrated so hard on the ball I didn't even follow where it went. I never saw any of the players.

"Finally I looked up and saw the referee raise his arms and then I was completely deluged by the team. Guys were hitting me and cheering and slapping me on the back. If I wasn't wearing equipment, I don't know if I would have survived their congratulations," he laughingly said.



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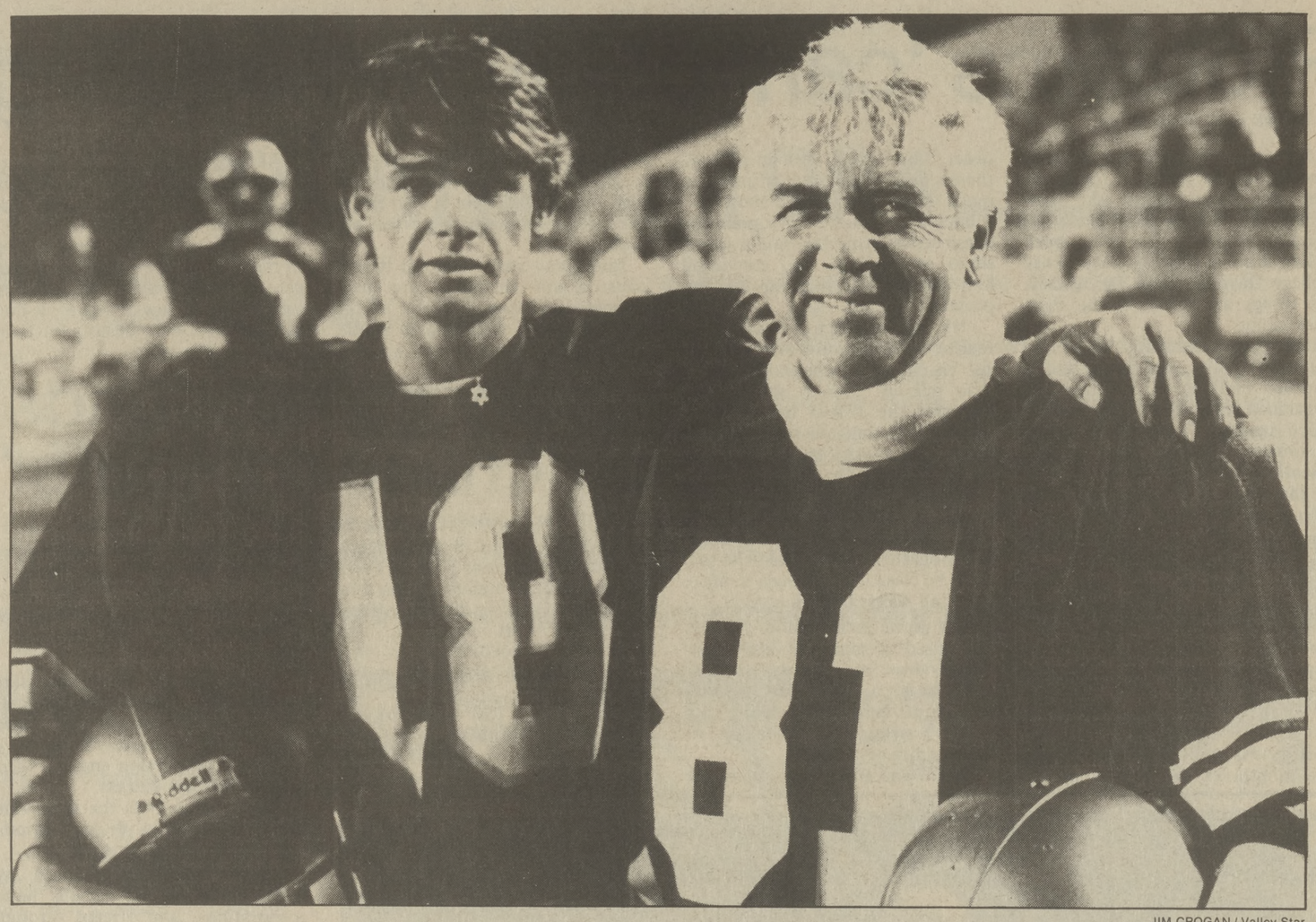

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Gerald Broderson (right) along with first string field goal kicker Dennis Hochman during a game against Southwest College. Broderson, at age 53, tried out for the Valley College football team two years in a row and was allowed to play this year. He went on to become the oldest player to ever score a point in a college football game.

And Fererro's reaction? "I heard later he said, ' I'll be damned, he made it'," said Brodie.

However, the most outstanding character trait of this "young at heart" football player is not his foot, which by his own estimation is "adequate" for PAT's. It is his positive mental attitude and his sense of humor.

Brodie laughs easily and it is a trait which has served him well throughout this experience. For donning the uniform and even getting permission to participate has been anything but easy. Even the publicity about this story has been a problem .

Star first approached Fererro about this story before the season even opened but his reaction to publicity was negative.

"I don't understand what all the fuss about this is," he said. "If the guy was 53 years old and our first string kicker, then I could see it, but he's not. I don't want it to hurt the team. I don't want publicity for the wrong reasons and I don't want the age of one football player to take away the spotlight from the kids who need it...who need scholarships," Fererro said.

Brodie said he understood the coach's concerns and an agreement was reached.

"He said he didn't want the team hurt because I was a novelty. I understood he didn't want their concentration of football hurt...so we agreed that any publicity would not come before the last week of the season," said Broderson.

Still, Broderson's problems concerned more than just publicity. His football career here at Valley began in 1955, long before his present teammates were even born. He was 28 then and a running back.

"During the last practice before the first game I got two teeth knocked out and a broken finger," he said. "When I came back a few days later I was down to fourth string. I felt I really didn't do a good job of it then."

That feeling stayed with him and culminated in his first attempt at a comeback which came last year when he was 52.

"The first time Fererro said it was ridiculous and that I was too old to play," he said.

Fererro explained that he didn't want Broderson to "get hurt".

"I wanted to protect him," Fererro said. "I thought it was for his own good."

Broderson, who is a professional inventor, an aspiring actor, and also carries a 3.8 grade point average here at Valley, backed down but didn't give up.

"I decided I could do it if I was a kicker...so I bought a pair of shoes and a football, and started practicing," he said.

This year Brodie tried again.

"Fererro's answer was still the same but this time I wasn't backing down," said Broderson.

Finally after passing an outside physical and going to the college's affirmative action board, he finally got his chance.

"It was probably the most important moment in my life...more important than even the birth of my children, because this one was all for me."

At first the coaches and a number of the players said they thought it was a joke, but Brodie's hard work won them over.

"I'm trying not to fail anything anymore. I'm doing this for my own self esteem. I wanted to prove I could stick with anything and follow through, no matter how ridiculous it may seem to others."

As for his feelings toward his teammates, Broderson could not say enough.

"The guys were great. They backed me 100 percent."

Hochman, the team's first string kicker, returned his sentiments.

"We all think it was super and most of the guys looked up to him as a sort of father figure."

Even Fererro has undergone a change of heart.

"Brodie has been a real help to this team...no problems at all. He's worked hard, been a real gentleman and he is welcome to come back next year," said Fererro.

And Brodie, what does next year hold for him?

"I don't know about next year yet. I'll have to check my offers," he said. And then he laughed once more.

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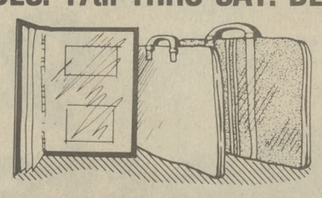

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THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM—The huge Christmas tree seems to be the main attraction in this quiet day at the Sherman Oaks Galleria. During the week the mall is less hectic, but as they shopping days grow shorter the crowds grow larger.

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A holiday primer for surviving the malls

By LISA SHAMES, View Editor

War is at best barbarism. Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolution. WAR IS HELL!

No, I am not talking about the war in Lebanon or in Central America. I'm talking about a war that occurs every year and affects almost everyone. It's the annual war against the shopping malls.

You know this "battle" is here when you begin to hear Christmas songs on the radio, and "Frosty the Snowman" is on TV for the upteenth time. Yes, Christmas is here, and along with that is the ritual of buying presents.

By this time, most of us have come to realize that (unfortunately) Santa's elves do not make Christmas presents. So, unless you don't believe in giving presents or are smart enough to make them at home, buying presents is inevitable. Let's accept the facts and get it over with.

The most vital quality a soldier can possess is self-confidence, utter, complete, and bumptious."

The preparation for this battle is important. You don't want to jump in head first without doing some planning.

The first step is to make a list. Making that list and checking it twice isn't just lyrics to a song. But with Christmas just a little over a week away, don't get too carried away.

Before you leave the house to do battle with that dreaded enemy, the shopping mall, take time to eat breakfast. This isn't going to be a picnic.

As you approach the parking and see millions of cars, don't worry.

In war nothing is impossible, provided you use audacity.

The battle of the parking lot kills off many a good soldier. This is a crucial battle, victory is vital. Patience is important, but so is a keen eye and and a lot pushiness. Follow that finished shopper to their car, keep you radio off to hear engines starting, and if all else fails, be prepared for a long walk.

Once your car is parked you are now ready to meet the enemy face to face. Take a deep breath, count to ten, and above all, don't forget where you parked the car. (It's very embarrassing to win the entire war only to be left stranded in the parking lot surrounded by presents.

All is fair in love and war

As you enter the mall, the above saying is very important. You are buying these presents out of some sort of love (I hope), so in other words, anything goes.

'Tis the season to be jolly, or so they say, but take a look at your fellow shoppers and see how jolly they really are. 'Tis the season to buy presents is how it really is. You have your plan of attack in hand (your list), so get to work.

If you find yourself weakening—sitting down to catch your breath, watching the little kids sitting on Santa's lap, or heaven forbid, actually letting other shoppers get ahead of you in the check-out line—then repeat this phrase to yourself over and over again until you feel yourself regaining your strength.

In war there is no second prize for runner-up

If the day is nearly over, and you haven't finished, don't fret. You just need to change your tactics.

Forget trying to think what the person really wants, just buy anything. It's not the present, but the thought that counts, right?

In war there is no substitute for victory.

Tired and weary, your arms filled with packages, leaving behind the many who have failed, you leave the mall.

Opening your front door with a weak hand, you fall into a chair, take off your shoes, and ask yourself one question.

"I wonder whose present I forgot? Oh well, Merry Christmas, anyway.

Handling Christmas blues: You must work them out

By RITA SAKAJIAN, Staff Writer

As Christmas vacation decks our halls and draws near, so do those everloving Christmas blues.

During these times, it is a good idea to handle Christmas stress before it handles you.

It's that time of year where students feel more stress and anxiety, both physical and emotional, due to Christmas and the end-of-the-semester finals that follow.

Is the two-week vacation that is coming up really a vacation?

"The temptation for students to slack off on their work is great when they know they have two weeks off," said Prof. Ann Morris, Career Center counselor.

As far as handling holiday stress, Morris suggests Christmas preparation in advance.

"The big concern about Christmas," Morris said, "is the psychological stress from loneliness and separation. . .if students are not with their families (during the holidays)."

Morris said it would help people in this situation to get together with friends they enjoy being with.

"If a person doesn't have any friends they want to spend Christmas with, any group affiliated with his/her church or synagogue would be a great help," said Morris.

Stephen Saltzman, professor of psychology, expressed another point of view.

"Research seems to show that when you interview lonely people throughout the year their sense of loneliness is less around the holiday times because they see people smiling, saying 'Merry Christmas' and 'Happy New Year.' "

According to Saltzman, this causes an increase of communication for people who are normally lonely.

As far as giving advice on how to handle the holiday stress, Saltzman said that there are no prescriptive ways of responding to it.

"This is the time of year when we are supposed to feel the joviality of Christmas spirit and excitement of the new coming year, but instead we feel frustrated, confused, anguished, hostile, pushed, aggravated, and stressed."

John Workman, counselor and psychologist, expressed the fact that it is okay to feel lonely this time of year.

"It's important first to feel you are not alone," said Workman. "There are lots of people feeling lonely and sad."

He attributed this to the fact that the same members of the family whom you have shared past holidays with, may not be there for you anymore.

Loved ones may have passed on, moved, or a relationship may have been broken off, causing emptiness during the holidays.

Workman went on to say that this is the time when on can get stronger by dealing with feelings of loneliness.

"To combat emptiness, go out of your way by spending time with friends or loved ones," Workman said.

If you do not have friends or loved ones, Workman suggests joining a club or organization might help in making friends.

"As far as the holidays and finals are concerned," Workman said, "it's important to have a routine. There should be a time set aside for studying, so you can enjoy the parties when the time comes."

He believes in a holistic approach in handling stress. "If you are feeling extremely stressed out, it's important to exercise," Workman said.

He believes that exercising gives you the energy to fight that stressed feeling around the holidays as well as other times of the year.

So if you are feeling stressed and have those Christmas blues. Instead of driving around in your car to do your Christmas shopping, slip into your tennis shoes and jog to your nearest department store. And keep it close in your mind that the vacation goes by as fast as 'ole St. Nick can say "On Dancer, on Prancer, on Dixon. . ."

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Dr. Lee compares education systems on Israel excursion

By DAVID BOHRER, Assoc. News Editor

"I did ride a camel, but I prefer my horse," said Dr. Mary Lee, president of Valley College, regarding her recent six day trip to Israel.

Lee, along with her husband William, were invited to Israel by the Israeli government and El-Al Airlines along with a group of 18 other professionals including educators, as Lee is, and museum directors, as her husband is.

"Group tours such as these are offered to professional individuals in order to familiarize them with the state of Israel. They don't come along very often and it was much less expensive than going as a regular trip," said Lee.

Lee emphasized this need of familiarization in light of the number of students and families in the community who have a Jewish backround.

"We ought to try harder. We take it too much for granted rather than fighting to make it better" —Dr. Lee

"I was amazed," remarked Lee,"at the tremendous amount of history that has taken place in such a small geographic area. We are so used to distances here in the United States, that when you think within thousands of years so much history went on within one or two square miles, it's incredible."

She said that one of her main purposes while she was in Israel was to compare educational systems and instructional programs.

Although the community college she visited was closed because of the Jewish holiday Hanukah, Lee visited Tel Aviv University and an Israeli technical college.

"I was amazed at the great amount of emphasis put on higher education. As a result, there is a tremendous difference compared to the state of California," said Lee.

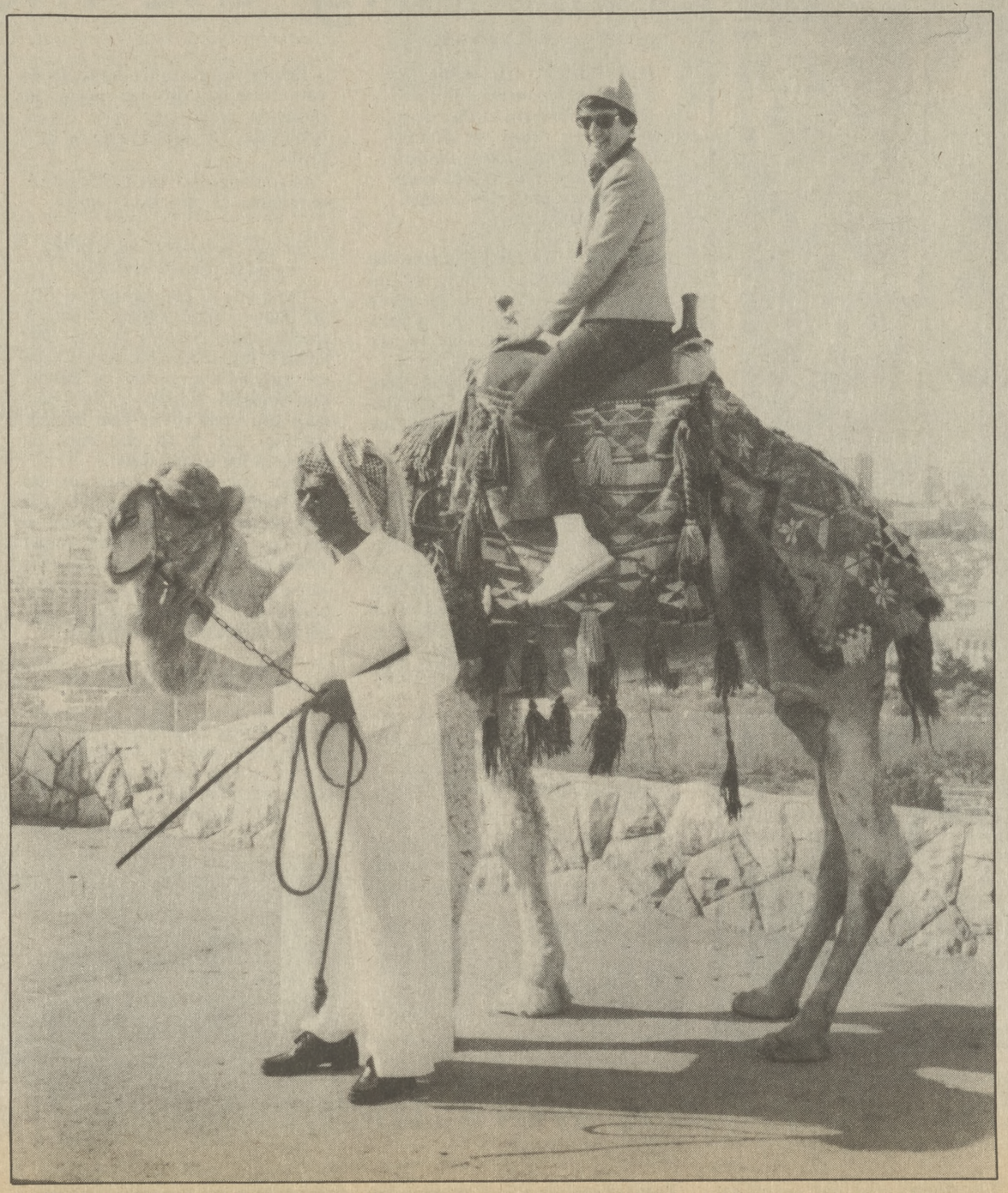
Though Israel may put a stronger emphasis on education,"the same problems exist." Because along with California,"they also have budget problems," said Lee.

"We ought to make better use of our educational system," said Lee."We ought to try harder. We take it too much for granted rather than fighting to make it better."

Among her other stops were museums, archeological sights, and visits with various kinds of people.

During the president's absence,the college was run by Mary Ann Breckell, vice-president of administrative services, and Dr. Edwin A. Young, vice-president of instruction, who alternated as acting president.

"It was certainly well worth going," said Lee. "I think it's important for faculty and administrators to travel, and for students to have field trips. I have always supported field trips for students, because being there and seeing it is much, much better than anything you could read in a book or see in a film."



HUMPING ALONG—Valley College president Mary Lee is perched atop middle-eastern transportation. Lee, her husband, and 18 other professionals recently concluded a six-day tour of Israel by invitation of the Israeli government. Comparing Israel's higher education system to that of California, Lee finds a"tremendous difference."

News Notes

MANUSCRIPT 29... The annual campus literary magazine "Manuscript 29," is now looking for student writers. The magazine is now accepting submissions of original short stories, excerpts from plays or novels, and poetry for the Spring 1984 issue. Material should be left in Humanities 121 or placed in campus mail, "Attention: Dr. Boston."

LIBRARY HOURS. . . During the two week winter break, the library will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of both weeks from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CONCERT. . . Nico Abondolo will perform on the String Bass assisted by Gianna Abondolo on the Cello today at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall.

COUNSELING... The counseling department recommends making counseling appointments to plan spring programs now. Students can make their appointments in the Administration Building lobby. It is also recommended that students who plan to take entry level English in the spring make appointments now for the English Placement Test at the West Counter of the Administration building.

ASB POSITIONS... Petitions for open Associated Student Body elected positions are available in the Student Affairs office , CC100.

'STAGE DOOR"... The play by Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman will be presented in the Horseshoe Theater tonight, tomorrow night, and Saturday night at 8:30 p.m.

Periodicals lost to excessive cost

By FRANN BART, Staff Writer,

The Valley College library has dropped subscriptions for 69 periodicals, effective January 1984, as a result of a loss of $2,000 in funding this year.

"The library just goes from crisis to crisis," said Martha Kuljian, head librarian. "If they cut us down more next year, we'll be no better than a high school library."

The decision as to which titles would be discountinued was made by library staff on the basis of the frequency of usage compiled by records and statistics over a five-year period.

This year's budget is $18,000, with a subscription list of 547 titles. As an example of rising subscription rates, the library had 850 titles with a $17,370 budget in the 1976-77 school year.

Kuljian siad that until this year the library budget has generally stayed constant, but with inflation and yearly subscription rate hikes, the library has been routinely cutting periodicals on shelves and microfilm.

Combined with this year's drastic loss in funds, however, the effect on the library is serious, she said.

She also said that faculty members were welcome to take over payment of a subscription of a deleted periodical, but so far "there has been no response. No one has said a word."

The drop list of titles cover subject such as psychology, medicine, business, finance, education, arts, and the New York Times Daily Edition, which is being dropped because of the high cost alone. The Sunday edition will be retained.

According to Kuljian, 16 monthly journals on the list might be continued if there is money left to put them on microfilm, but she said it's doubtful. Even if the 1984 issues can be bought, they wouldn't be delivered on microfilm until the end of next year and "that will leave a one-year gap, which we don't like at all," she said.

Library Media Assistants Priscilla Goldowitz and Shifrae Levine spoke of continuing problems with other periodical drops during the last few years.

"Every year, we've had to drop from 25 to 40 titles," Goldowitz said. She explained that many "general enjoyment" magazines are gone, as well. These types of magazines are read at the library, but not checked out.

Goldowitz said there are many gaps in issues that had to be dropped and were then recontinued, which creates problems for students needing the eliminated issues. Some issues are already being dropped from microfilm, she added.

"We have no choice but to send them [students] to CSUN or the public library," Goldowitz said.

In the past few years, Levine said, a few teachers have been paying for subscriptions.

"It slays us everytime we have to red-line a periodical and then someone comes in needing it," she said.

Both Goldowitz and Levine pointed out that of the issues dropped this year, anything prior to 1984 will remain on the shelves, but not necessarily on microfilm.

Music, dance, salutations applaud 561 Valley College Spring honor students

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TEATOTALERS—Valley nursing students (L-R) Kathleen MacLachlan, Nancy Loporchio, and Jeanette Tersigni toast their achievement at Tuesday's reception for last Spring's honors students.

By MARTI HOLBROOK STEVENS, View Editor

As the Los Angeles Valley College honors students strolled into a dimly lit Monarch Hall Tuesday afternoon and found their seats at holly-garnished tables, classical Bach was piped through the room, foreshadowing the presentation to come.

The Honors Students Reception, formerly known as The Dean's Tea, was absolutely a classical event.

Candelabras, porcelain dishware, and silver tea services were all part of the reception.

With the help of The Patrons Association and Tau Alpha Epsilon,tea, punch, cakes and other refreshments were served courtesy of the Associated Student Body.

The program commenced with an unscheduled performance of second-semester honors student Dolores Delrae when she noticed that the classical music had stopped. Delrae soloed on the piano with contemporary tunes from Broadway musicals

Cristina Esteras, ASB commissioner of scholastic activities, M.C.'d the event and opened with an explanation of the Honors List's qualifications.

"To qualify, a student must receive a 3.6 grade point average with twelve or more units completed in the preceding semester," said Esteras.

An introduction of the members on the honors list was made by Esteras followed by a musical interlude by soprano Nancy Lavin and her accompanist, Robert Young.

ASB president, Jeff Kaplan gave his philosophy of learning in general and how it relates to Valley students.

"Regardless of what George Deukmejian does, you will receive an opportunity if you are determined...I honor you."

"Los Angeles Valley College," said Kaplan, "has given you the greatest gift ever known...the gift of knowledge."

Kaplan concluded his speech with thanks to his mother for "having the guts to go out there and do it.

"A semester after I got here, she got here, she's on the Dean's List, I'm not."

Dr. Edwin Young, vice president of academic affairs, gave a serious salutation honoring the 561 students, an estimated 50 of which attended or participated in the event.

"I wish you continued success...and strengthening of life-long learning skills that will allow you to act purposely, think rationally, and deal effectivly with your environment."

Dr. Mary Lee, president of LAVC, gave congratulations to the honor students and expressed her optimism for Valley College.

"The reason that Valley College will survive the next few years is because we continue to work on problems."

The event was ended with four short dance routines performed by the Dance Department which included two jazz numbers, a Hawaiian hula, a Tahitian native dance.

First time honors student William Woodward summed up the reception by saying,"It really impresses me when a school takes time out to honor your academic achievements."

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